WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   In a communication system having a terminal for receiving encrypted content, the terminal being coupled to a storage media via an IEEE 1394 serial bus, a method for storing the encrypted content on the storage media, the method comprising:

receiving the encrypted content via the IEEE 1394 bus;

encrypting a first key for decrypting the encrypted content to form a second key;

combining the encrypted content with the second key to form a combined encrypted content stream; and

storing the combined encrypted content stream on the storage media.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising

retrieving the combined encrypted content stream from the storage media;

decrypting the second key to obtain the first key; and

decrypting the encrypted content with the first key to recover clear text content.

3.   A method for storing encrypted data on a storage media, the encrypted data being decrypt-able with a first key, the method comprising:

receiving a transmission of the encrypted data;

encrypting the first key to form a second key; and

forwarding the second key and the encrypted data.

4.   The method of claim 3 further comprising storing the second key and the encrypted data on the storage media.

5.   The method of claim 4 wherein storing the second key further comprises storing the second key within a header associated the encrypted data.

6.   The method of claim 4 further comprising

retrieving the second key and the encrypted data;

decrypting the second key to form the first key; and

decrypting the encrypted data with the first key to form clear text.

7.   The method of claim 6 further comprising

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2   encrypting the clear text using a third key to form combined encrypted data;

3   and

4   forwarding the combined encrypted data.